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NASPAA Accredits Four New Programs

Programs in China, Qatar, and the United States join the growing roster of NASPAA accredited programs amidst an evolving time for global public service education

Washington, DC, August 11, 2021 -- Today the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration ([NASPAA](#)) announced that its Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation ([COPRA](#)) has accredited the following four programs for the first time:

- Master of Public Administration at Beijing Normal University (China)
- Master of Public Administration at Doha Institute for Graduate Studies (Qatar)
- Master of Public Administration at North Carolina Central University (USA)
- Master of Public Administration at University of Central Oklahoma (USA)

NASPAA is the global standard for public service education. Accredited programs share NASPAA's commitment to transparent, effective, inclusive, and ethical public service. The NASPAA Standards ensure programs promote public service values, bound in the pursuit of programmatic improvement and educational quality. Each of these programs underwent a years-long process of self-study, site visit, and peer review, during which they demonstrated their commitment to the knowledge, research, and practice of public service.

These programs have displayed an unfaltering dedication to supporting and serving their students and communities despite the ongoing changes resulting from the pandemic. These newly accredited programs have exemplified what it means to train the next generation of public servants while delivering and representing quality global public service education in today's day and age. Shawn Flanigan, COPRA Chair, stated, "We are constantly inspired by the continued resilience and commitment of our accredited programs around the world during the COVID-19 pandemic, and are heartened that new programs have recognized the value of pursuing NASPAA accreditation even during these challenging times." Laurel McFarland, Executive Director of NASPAA, also remarked, "COVID is a reminder of the importance of peer support between schools of public service around the world. NASPAA accreditation provides a framework for sustaining quality even in the hardest of times,

and we are keen for it to help ensure graduates are ready to lead and manage in a COVID-changed world.”

With the addition of these four programs to the roster, the number of accredited programs based outside of the U.S. increases to eighteen, thus allowing NASPAA to have an even larger global reach than ever before. The hope is that future collaborations across various regions and cultures continue to grow alongside the roster of NASPAA’s accredited programs.

NASPAA and COPRA both welcome these new programs, celebrating the achievement of their accreditation and look forward to continuing to support them in their commitment to quality assurance, to their students, and to the field.

The 2021-2022 Roster of Accredited Programs can be viewed [here](#) after it is released on September 1, 2021.

NASPAA, the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration, is the global standard in public service education. It is the membership association of over 320 schools of public policy, public affairs, public administration, and public & nonprofit management. NASPAA’s Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation (COPRA) is the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA)- recognized accreditation body for graduate degree programs in public policy, administration, and affairs, globally. COPRA has accredited over 200 master’s degree programs from NASPAA member schools in these fields. NASPAA’s twofold mission is to promote excellence in education and training for public service and to promote the ideal of public service.